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**Ready Tank Division Near Polish Border
Grodno Army Barracks Kelbasin AL-6
Belorussia Military District USSR (S)**

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READY TANK DIVISION NEAR POLISH BORDER, GRODNO ARMY BARRACKS KELBASIN AL-6, BELORUSSIA MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) Major elements of a ready tank division were identified at Grodno Army Barracks Kelbasin AL-6 ([redacted]) in the USSR. Grodno is 6 nautical miles east of the Polish border. 25X1

2. (S/D) A category-II ready tank division was observed being assembled in the Grodno area where a second-generation tank division was housed. The disposition of the second-generation tank division previously seen at this installation has not been determined as major elements of the division have not been observed since [redacted]. The type of units and equipment present suggests that the tank division may have been brought from outside the Grodno area and was not mobilized from the second-generation division. This division may be the Soviet 6th Guards Tank Division, [redacted]. There is no collateral information to substantiate this claim; however, there are no known T-62-equipped tank divisions with self-propelled artillery in the western part of the Soviet Union. 25X1

3. (S/D) Major elements of the tank division include three tank regiments (augmented with BMP-equipped motorized rifle battalions), one motorized rifle regiment, and two artillery battalions (one self-propelled). At least two of the tank regiments included one self-propelled missile antiaircraft missile and artillery battery, one engineer company, and one chemical company. The motorized rifle regiment was BMP-equipped and included one mortar battery and elements of one signal battalion. Not shown on the graphic are one FROG-7 battalion, major elements of one self-propelled artillery regiment (including 152mm self-propelled howitzer M-1973), and one motor transport battalion.

4. (S/D) There are probably sufficient barracks and support buildings to house the personnel for a category-II tank division at this installation. Additional vehicle sheds have been under construction probably since early spring 1980, suggesting the intent to house additional units at this installation. Nevertheless, vehicles were seen in open storage, indicating that the final delineation of unit parking areas had not been completed. Housing was available for three regiments and some support units. Seventy-seven pyramidal tents and tent bases for 14 large tents were also observed. In addition to the existing facilities, additional barracks/support facilities are at the Grodno Training Area North TA-1 ([redacted]) 25X1

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